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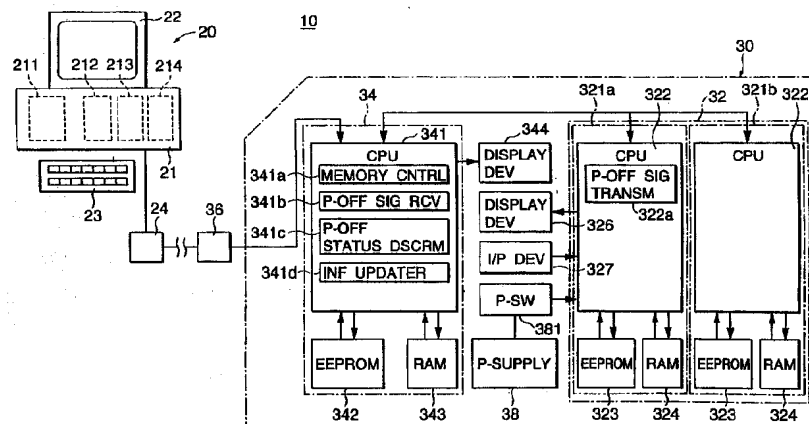
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(54) **Processing apparatus and an operation control information update system employing the processing apparatus**

(57) A photographic processing machine comprises a machine control block and an information control block, in which the photographic processing machine performs a specified operation in accordance with operation control information stored in EEPROMs of the machine control block, and the information control block includes a RAM for holding operation control informa-

tion transmitted from a system control center and an information updater for updating the operation control information currently stored in the EEPROMs by transferring the operation control-information taken into the RAM to the EEPROMs.

FIG.1





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